

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1497

To exempt the Indian Health Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and certain other programs for Indians from sequestration.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 3, 2015

Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. UDALL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

A BILL

To exempt the Indian Health Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and certain other programs for Indians from sequestration.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SEQUESTRATION EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN IN-**
4 **DIAN PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 255 of the Balanced
6 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2
7 U.S.C. 905) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subsection (k) as sub-
9 section (l); and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (j) the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(k) INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE AND OTHER INDIAN
 4 PROGRAMS.—The following programs shall be exempt
 5 from reduction under any order issued under this part:

6 “All programs administered by the Bureau of
 7 Indian Affairs.

8 “Indian health facilities (75–0391–0–1–551).

9 “Indian health services (75–0390–0–1–551).

10 “All programs under the Native American
 11 Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of
 12 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.).”.

13 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—
 14 Section 256(e) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
 15 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 906(e)) is amend-
 16 ed—

17 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “IN-
 18 DIAN HEALTH SERVICES AND FACILITIES,”; and

19 (2) in paragraph (2)—

20 (A) by striking subparagraphs (C) and
 21 (D); and

22 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as
 23 subparagraph (C).

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